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C.R.D. So what we would like to do is just ask you, of your, what you remember, what you can remember about the operations of your late husband's activities there, of John's activities there, just everything that you can remember, and we want to try to get into specifics because of our obligation to clean up the site that the government is forcing us to do, the more people and the more companies we can draw in to this, it spreads the cost out.

E.S. I understand that.

C.R.D. Now, we understand that, and we made these arrangements for this, this is informal. This is an informal conversation. You don't have to answer anything you don't want to. You're here voluntarily --

E.S. I'm glad to, really, okay.

C.R.D. And we also, uh, we appreciate it.

E.S. I have cooperated one hundred percent with the EPA too.

C.R.D. And you can stop at any time, yeah.

E.S. All the time, I was really never involved except for the billing part process, and it was a small, very small operation. I mean compared to now a days, it is nothing.

C.R.D. We'll go into everything on that.

E.S. Uh huh.

C.R.D. And we do appreciate your cooperation, and if you get tired and you want to stop, say so.

E.S. Why not, I'll tell you.

C.R.D. We, indicated to Tim that, if anything, we'll go through a couple hours today, and then maybe come back on the 16th if there is no objection to that.

E.S. I'd like to get it finished today, if you don't mind. If it's possible. If not, yes I will come back the 16th.

T.E. There may be some follow-up after that.

E.S. Uh huh, if you want to, fine.

C.R.D. And also, we'll take back what you tell us to the other members of the group, and they may have questions about things like that.

R.C. Even if she can remember some things that may trigger something else that somebody knows.

E.S. I know a few things.

R.C. which may lead us to, you know.

E.S. Yeah, I know.

C. R.D. Well, from what I've been reading is that, uh, you, uh, you married Al in 1944?

E.S. Right.

C.R.D. And then, did you live on that property at that time?

E.S. Right away, yes.

C.R.D. Right away.

E.S. I raised two step children, he had two children.

C.R.D. And who were those --

E.S. John and Otis.

C.R.D. John and Otis?

E.S. And one was six and one was nine when I married Alfred.

C.R.D. Okay.

E.S. And we did not buy the property, he had a small quarter, not even a quarter of an acre that he had built his own home on, and uh --

C.R.D. Is that the home you're in now?

E.S. No, no. He built a new one later. Uh, and uh, in '47 he and I bought, well, he bought the rest of the acreage.

C.R.D. That would have been the whole, uh, 70 --

E.S. 45 acres in one parcel, 6 acres in another from a neighbor that my son inherited, lives on now --

C.R.D. Alright.

E.S. And the 45 includes the landfill that you're talking about, and then --

R.C. And that was in '47?

E.S. Way, way later, we bought 24 and some acres across the creek from another neighbor.

C.R.D. Okay. The records and other depositions taken show that at the time you bought it, there was already a dump on the property?

E.S. Oh, yes, it was being used also.

C.R.D. Who ran that dump?

E.S. There was no running. This man allowed anybody to dump in there that he wanted to. He never charged them because he never watched it. They had to go past our drive to get up there. That's how we knew they were dumping.

C.R.D. Who was the, who did you buy that from?

E.S. I cannot think of his name, but you would find that in the courthouse.

C.R.D. Right.

E.S. I cannot think of their names, its been so long ago.

C.R.D. Okay.

E.S. Lord, I'm going to be 74 the 15th, you know. I'm lucky I remember what I did.

C.R.D. I'm going --

E.S. I was more involved with the gravel pits end of the business. I never was too involved in, it was penny anti compared to the others, you know what I mean.

R.C. Uh, hum. Most of your income was from the gravel pits.

E.S. Right. We had gravel pits that we later sold, you know, things like that.

C.R.D. We have a, a picture of the map, a drawing, that may not be the scale, but uh, you know. You just mentioned that you lived on the property, he built his first house, Al built his first house --

E.S. It was built when I married him. It was there.

C.R.D. Okay, you, in looking at this map, can you see where that house would have been located?

E.S. You know we're, right across from Maria where would that be Tim?

T.E. I'll say Maria's down the road down here.

E.S. Well, my mother-in-law moved to uh, to uh Florida with her youngest son who came out of the service after thirty years, and he, they gave us the home, not just Albert and me, but also all the children were named. Later on, they signed it over to my daughters, which Albert and I did also.

R.C. That was the first home you lived in there or -- ?

E.S. No, ma'am. The new home that we had was a five room house that my husband has built.

R.C. Okay.

E.S. And was right across --

C.R.D. This is, this is the road that comes from, here is Cincinnati-Dayton --

E.S. Yeah.

C.R.D. And this is the road that comes on, onto your property.

E.S. Jimmie would know, wouldn't you hon?

J.M. This is the driveway going down.

C.R.D. Right. This is your driveway right here.

E.S. Well you know where Marie is, and right across from there is where we live.

J.M. Maria's sits about right in here some place.

C.R.D. Okay.

J.M. In that area, right there.

E.S. And right across the roads from there, there's like a, you know, that circle that goes around, right across from there, from this home, is where we live. It wasn't even a quarter of an acre. That's all Albert owned at the time when I married him.

C.R.D. And then when you lived there, you said that the road --

E.S. That's where, it was dumping, it was always a gravel road --

C.R.D. -- ran right in front of your house?

E.S. Yeah, that passed our house, always.

C.R.D. And you saw --

E.S. Later on they made a circle out of it.

C.R.D. And you saw all the trucks?

E.S. Oh, yeah.

C.R.D. Alright. Um, when you married Albert, he was involved in a number of different businesses, right?

E.S. In sand and gravel. He had a gravel pit in Arlington Heights.

C.R.D. Okay.

E.S. Uh, he was, I guess you'd call it, a kind of a, he worked for Kingsmill Powder Company and he was kind of the head man up there. I don't know what, he didn't have a title.

C.R.D. Is that Peterson?

E.S. Both.

C.R.D. They're both the same, weren't they?

E.S. Well, they were right next door, weren't they?

T.E. Well there was two --

T.E. It was across the street from each other, there seems no Army -

E.S. There was a Kingsmill Army Depo that he was involved in the most.

T.E. Across the street was, uh, Peter's Cartridge (INAUDIBLE)

E.S. I'm sure they hauled in there too.

C.R.D. Um --

E.S. That was before (INAUDIBLE)

C.R.D. He was also involved in hauling --

E.S. The Voice Of America, he built that --

C.R.D. And construction work.

E.S. All those towers, he helped build all the --

C.R.D. Rigging?

E.S. Rigging, all the rigging work, yes.

C.R.D. So he did hauling, rigging, sand and gravel --

E.S. Right.

C.R.D. And when you say he was the main man at Kingsmills, what --

E.S. Well, he was like a foreman. Call it a foreman now a days, but actually, he told the men what to do.

C.R.D. What did they do at Kingsmill?

E.S. The Army ran it at that time, whatever they did, they made powder, I guess.

R.C. Who was it that worked there?

E.S. In fact, too, buildings exploded because the men had smoked, and he was blown sky high both times. He came home one time with his head all bandaged, all burnt, two men died.

R.C. What time period was that?

E.S. That was in '44, he had that job before I married him, he was building the Voice Of America and was also foreman at Kingsmills. I call it foreman, I don't know what title he had, but if there was anything that had to be moved or constructed, he was the one who supervised.

C.R.D. Maintenance.

E.S. Maintenance, all that. There were a lot of people who worked there.

C.R.D. So he was employed for Kingsmills and at the same time, he was self employed?

E.S. Sand and gravel, you know, we dug out Arlington Heights gravel pit, and also in West Chester, there was property.

C.R.D. This property that we're dealing with now --

E.S. That was in '47.

C.R.D. -- this was originally a sand and gravel pit, and you continued to use it as a sand and gravel pit and he bought it -

E.S. Well it had been some dug out, yes. It wasn't a designated sand and gravel pit until we bought it, you know.

C.R.D. And then he continued to use it --

E.S. And it wasn't a designated dump until we bought it (laughing), but they hauled in there all the time. Now I do know that Kingsmill's Powder Company and the reason I know the Army ran it is because when, uh, in '67 and '68, my son was in Europe in the Army. Okay, this very same captain that was a head at Kingsmills was his commanding officer. I went over to see him, to Europe, and I met him and he was so tickled to see me, he had eaten in our table already. And he was very nice to my son, you know. He didn't know that was my son until I went over there to visit him.

C.R.D. Ray was --

E.S. Ray was in the service, yeah.

C.R.D. Ray was in Europe when you visited?

E.S. European, yeah. In Germany.

C.R.D. Do you know the name of that commanding officer?

E.S. No I do not, I do not remember. That's been so long ago, '68.

C.R.D. The, um, --

E.S. He was a captain, though, I'll tell you that.

C.R.D. When you, when, um, after you had married Albert and the sons were there, did you yourself, were you just a housewife or were you involved --

E.S. No, I was also his bookkeeper.

C.R.D. -- you were his bookkeeper for all this other business?

E.S. We never hired anybody for booking, I did it all. We weren't that busy at the time either, you know. He got a check, regular check from Kingsmills. He got, he had a lump sum deal

contact putting up the towers, so I had, you know, too much billing to do. And we never billed anybody for dumping until we bought the place, so, that's when that started in '47.

C.R.D. Did you have, uh, did you have any bookkeeping education or background at all.

E.S. Well, I went to high school, and I took a business course there. I took both really.

C.R.D. So you knew how to at least do the ledgers and fill them in?

E.S. Oh, yes, he has books on it, and you're welcome to look at them and keep them as long as you need to.

C.R.D. Thank you.

E.S. As you can see, it was a minimal business at the time.

C.R.D. We, uh, we've looked at some of the documents which you let the EPA look at, and we're going to probably ask you some questions today about those documents and other things, so we'll get into it a little bit more today. You remained his bookkeeper clear through the life of the business, all his businesses?

E.S. As long as he lived, yes.

C.R.D. Okay. And as part of being the bookkeeper, you recorded the income that you would receive?

E.S. That's the reason I put it down, the only reason, the Internal Revenue purposes.

C.R.D. You set out all the bills?

E.S. Yes.

C.R.D. Okay. Did you have to collect on any of the unpaid bills?

E.S. I don't know, a lot of people still owe us to date. I just wish I had that money they owe us. I'd be on easy street (laughing). Albert didn't believe in contracts, you know, a shake of the hand, that was his way to do it until he got wise.

R.C. So you didn't have contracts --

E.S. Not too many, no.

C.R.D. Did you, uh, have files on everything?

E.S. Yes, and naturally after so many years, you dump them. I did keep these books, luckily.

C.R.D. You, you think there may be more records somewhere on the property or stored away?

E.S. No, I know there is not. No, they were destroyed.

C.R.D. Everything was destroyed, but for those ones you gave the EPA?

E.S. Right, just those books, uh hum. But those, that's where I kept the records. I, uh, the rest would have been the bills, you know, that I had sent, that's all you would have besides --

C.R.D. Did you, did Albert have any employees during any of that time period?

E.S. Oh, off and on.

C.R.D. You paid for all their social security and worker's compensation?

E.S. In those dates, they didn't have all that. Yeah, they did, they had social security. These were transients, and he only had like one at a time, so we didn't have to go through all that.

R.C. Do you have anywhere --

E.S. See my son got over, he helped him right away.

R.C. Do you have anywhere a list of the names of some of these individuals?

E.S. Honey, they're all dead. Almost all of them are dead. They were older people. Albert was 12 years older than I. And, uh, they were older than he was. No, there's hardly anybody living anymore that worked with him.

C.R.D. So your primary occupation during the period was your husband's bookkeeper --

E.S. Was housewife.

C.R.D. -- and housewife.

E.S. There wasn't that much bookkeeping is I'm trying to tell you.

C.R.D. Yeah. Did you ever go up to the actual landfill area, I mean --

E.S. Seldom.

C.R.D. Seldom?

E.S. Once in a great great while, maybe you'd call him to come home and eat, something like that.

C.R.D. All the trucks that came into the landfill would come right by either your old house or your new house, right?

E.S. Well, uh, yeah. They did. They had to past there to get there.

C.R.D. You saw a lot of the trucks.

E.S. Yes. I wasn't too terribly interested until my husband had to put him in a nursing home until he became quite ill. I had him home in diapers for two years, and then he went to the hospital with prostate trouble and they overdid it on the anesthetic, he had a stroke, and from then on, I couldn't handle it. He was in one position all the time, he couldn't move. So I had to put him in the nursing home. And then a couple of years later, I had my mother in there, so I had two of them to visit for about seven and a half years. So actually, you know, that's when I started running the landfill, that's the first I had to deal with it.

C.R.D. That was about, uh 1978 or around 80?

E.S. He lived three and a half years in a nursing home, two years before, it's five and a half, he died at the age of 84.

C.R.D. He died in '84?

E.S. No, he died in 1984, yes.

C.R.D. Right. And then the prior three, five years --

E.S. Figure it about five years prior to that.

C.R.D. Okay. During the period that Al ran his businesses and the landfill, did he determine what price to charge people?

E.S. Yeah.

C.R.D. How did he do that, do you recall?

E.S. He'd say to me, they brought a load in here, this is worth \$10.00. They brought a load in here, this is worth \$3.00, that's the way it went.

C.R.D. Did he even say what the material was?

E.S. Never mentioned what it was. It was nothing, I mean there was, you could put anything in there that you wanted to in those days.

R.C. Do you know if he had any system as far as what he charged for different materials?

E.S. Well, yes, it was a pick up truck, it would be \$3.00. If it was a great big truck, it could be \$15.00.

R.C. So it was mostly the size of the container?

E.S. Yes, square yard really, I think, you know. So many cubic yards, I mean, whatever it was on the truck.

C.R.D. Um, and he just came in, told you what to bill and gave you a name and an address?

E.S. Yeah, uh hum.

C.R.D. Did you ever end up calling people up, any of these customers, and talking to them on the phone about their bills?

E.S. Not too often, not until I took it over.

C.R.D. Okay, uh.

E.S. Albert would go see them in person, generally. Like I said, it wasn't too big of a business.

C.R.D. Yeah, hands on type of --

E.S. That was a side line. We had, sand and gravel was our main business.

C.R.D. Right. The records which you gave the EPA indicate that the loads taken out to the dump, and tell me if I'm wrong, there weren't that many every month. How many a week, loads would go into that?

E.S. Sometimes it would be a month before there would be one load.

C.R.D. And it fluctuated by the years --

E.S. Not until, well, not until two years before he became ill. That's when he allowed more in there because that, he didn't do anymore, we had sold the gravel pit in Arlington Heights and we had sold the one in Hamilton. So, after that, that was just like a hobby to him, but we didn't make a whole lot of money on it.

C.R.D. So a load would be --

E.S. Until I took over and let Kings dump in there.

C.R.D. Yeah --

E.S. And Whitten, and these big outfits, we didn't make any money in there. If we made \$3,000 a year, we did well.

C.R.D. That's what your books show, that the loads were not frequent --

E.S. Well, its accurate, because I've been audited just about every year, small business --

C.R.D. Once a month and maybe a couple loads a month and then it picked up in late '60s, but when you first --

E.S. There'd be little stuff like a dollar, three dollars, two dollars.

C.R.D. These were the only set of books that you have for this operation?

E.S. Right.

C.R.D. Okay. Did you have any just straight cash transactions?

E.S. That I wouldn't know, he took care of that. Yes, he would tell me when he got cash. Yes, I put it down too. It wasn't that much.

C.R.D. Uh.

R.C. If you got cash, would you record who it came from or just like a cash?

E.S. No, I put, uh, uh miscellaneous income down, and I'd maybe, it would amount to \$500, maybe \$200, maybe \$50.00. I didn't know, whatever --

R.C. Alright.

E.S. -- But you'll notice in these books, there's miscellaneous on there all the time.

R.C. Yeah. But he wouldn't necessarily tell you who it was, he would just say \$20.00, I got \$5.00 --

E.S. Yes.

C.R.D. The, uh, Albert became pretty ill there and he could not operate the landfill and John took over, right?

E.S. Well he took over to the extent where he would put the dirt over it, that's all. You know what I mean, he would cover it up.

C.R.D. Who would set up the customers?

E.S. I did.

C.R.D. That was --

E.S. Yeah. I did that --

C.R.D. So, John didn't --

E.S. I did that over the phone or they came to my home and said, can we start hauling in there and how much it was?

C.R.D. Uh hum. And John didn't get involved in that part of it --

E.S. Only, cleaning it up --

C.R.D. -- physical work?

E.S. He was up there many of time when, um, somebody was always up there when they dump, one of the men, and later on my son had to get out of the service --

C.R.D. Ray

E.S. He did that for me. He never charged me a dime, years.

C.R.D. John had, was in other business as well, right?

E.S. Oh, sure, he had his own business, that's why I say at night he would cover that up, that's all, or before he left for work. Yeah, he did hauling.

C.R.D. He had the trucking part --

E.S. Interstate hauling, yes. He had his own business.

C.R.D. So when, you took over the business when Albert was too ill to do it any longer?

E.S. That was all demolition.

C.R.D. That was, all demolition. And that was in the late 70s and then up to when the state closed down in '90?

E.S. Five and a half years prior to '84, you'd have to figure it up, that's when I did it. Those five years.

R.C. Uh, huh.

C.R.D. How did you determine prices during that, well, this was?

E.S. They would tell me what they paid other companies, and I'd take their word for it. And my son knew, I mean, heck, they weren't stupid, you know, they got around.

R.C. Uh, huh.

C.R.D. You operated or did you operate, accept waste in there clear to 1990?

E.S. Well when the, when did they make me stop?

C.R.D. That was July 1990.

E.S. Yes, uh huh.

T.E. Prior to that, '78 though is when they put out an order they couldn't take any --

E.S. Yeah, right.

T.E. Not anything other than demolition, '78 and that's -

R.C. Right, but you were taking demolition up until 1990?

E.S. Uh, huh, up until then.

C.R.D. Okay. Um, let's see here, a couple, the question that I had, do you remember a gentleman from California who was going to work with Albert in operating that landfill, a guy by the name of George Soloman?

E.S. Yeah, sure did.

C.R.D. Tell us what you remember about George Soloman, and what was his involvement?

E.S. Uh, his involvement, there was no involvement. They, we had decided, yes, that he could come in there and operate it and we would get so much from it. He had to have his own help, everything. But then we found out that he was a scam artist and that he had done this in different states, so we dissolved the contract somewhere, I think we had you on it, didn't we?

T.E. I think so, for a couple years.

E.S. But it was you or Holbrook(INAUDIBLE).

T.E. I know the office did it, I don't (INAUDIBLE).

E.S. Anyhow, he was, we knew he was a known crook. We found out, put it that way.

C.R.D. He never got, let him get involved with the company?

E.S. No, not one time. You know. All he ever stepped on the property for was to discuss it. We did sign though, but we cancelled it, quick.

C.R.D. I saw his name pop up.

E.S. He was glad to cancel after we found out what he could have done.

C.R.D. Okay, um, when Ray came back from the Army, he actually just helped out on the site?

E.S. Oh, he worked for the railroad, he, that was his main job.

C.R.D. But he would do like John was doing, he would come in --

E.S. He'd cover for me.

C.R.D. -- and cover it up everyday.

E.S. In fact, John did it till he died and he died in an accident right on the property in '82?

R.C. What kind of an accident, can you explain a little bit of what the accident was from?

E.S. Yeah, he was building a place to put a trailer, he had just gotten married for five weeks. He was going up, he had

...e had to go through a creek and go up a hill and the hillside was, um, wet --

T.E. He was on a loader (INAUDIBLE) --

E.S. -- yeah, he was on a rubber tire loader and he hadn't put the cross bars on, you know what I mean, and he told my son, our son, Ray, to stay off of it, that he'd get killed on it because he didn't know how to run it because he didn't have that on there. And he himself slipped and crushed his skull. He died two years before my husband. And that was a low moment, and after that my son, now that was in '82 then, that my son started, all he did up there was cover it also.

C.R.D. Do you remember back in the late 50s, the municipalities, cities, towns, bringing their material out to the site?

E.S. Yes.

C.R.D. And those were, um, that was just trash, garbage?

E.S. Mason, some from Sharonville, all these little towns, hell yes.

C.R.D. Why did, do you know why they stopped bringing stuff out there?

E.S. No, we were more involved with sand and gravel, and we just weren't there.

C.R.D. And they needed someone who was in this business full time --

E.S. They wanted a big place. We, and you can see, there's only about one and a half acres that was actually used, and that includes what you they call the lagoon. They call the lagoon. Its a place up there, maybe half acre that, uh, had so much rain one year, there must have been some oil there. Of course, we had equipment of our own, we greased it, we oiled it up and everything. So there was bound to be oil up there, so there was a little oil film on top. Anyway it rained so heavily that year that the water was standing like this so they called it a lagoon. That's there only version of a lagoon. You don't see a lagoon now, you won't until we have a flood. See what I mean.

C.R.D. Right.

E.S. Well that lagoon area was, it wasn't even a half acre, would you say it was a half acre?

J.M. Approximately, yes.

E.S. And the rest would be an acre. One-half acre was all that was ever used up there. It's up on a mound, great big high hill. You know, aside from all the other ground.

R.C. That will help in making it look like a ordinary (INAUDIBLE).

E.S. Sure, because it had been dug out, that had been dug out for gravel. And we had barrels standing all around, and they were empty barrels. They kept saying there were full. Nobody ever looked in those barrels. We know they were empty because we sold them to, um, is it American or the Barrel and Drum Company in Cincinnati. Cincinnati Barrel and Drum Company. When we had a whole load of them, you know, come in, we'd sell them.

R.C. Where did you get the drums from?

E.S. Well, people would bring them in there, get rid of them, companies.

R.C. (INAUDIBLE)?

E.S. They were empty. Cause we used some of them for, you know, to put our garbage and that or waste, I still have one up there. Yeah, well, they, uh, they took a lot for granted. They read into it what they wanted to.

C.R.D. Well they got us into it now full time.

E.S. Yeah boy.

C.R.D. And as Tim's probably told you, the work they want done out there is estimated about \$30,000,000, and no one's too happy about that.

T.E. Well, I saw the estimate, its about eleven or twelve, and the highest is eighty-eight million.

E.S. Good grief.

R.C. And then of course, this doesn't include everything that will end up, EPA assessments?

E.S. All the monitoring all these years, too.

C.R.D. Realizing too that the work on the property will restrict the use of this property?

E.S. Oh, yes, they say 15 acres.

C.R.D. They say more than that, they're saying 28 acres.

E.S. Well why, when its only one and a half acres that we used?

C.R.D. Well from what we understand is that the --

E.S. Seepage --

C.R.D. No, well, part of that, the landfilling operation itself is about 15 acres, and where the, what they're calling the lagoon is about 15 acres. But, what they're doing, they're requiring us to put a, no the total is 15 acres, so the lagoon is about an acre and a half. But they're requiring to put a cap, and a cap, its going to be a hazardous waste cap which is going to consist of layers of sand, gravel, a plastic liner, more gravel, more sand, soil and then grass. And then it will have to be sloped and tapered off on all edges so that water will run off of it so that no water goes down into the area. So that's why they've expanded this.

E.S. Yes, I can understand that.

C.R.D. And then, so the fencing will be around that whole area. So it's going to take that much of your property and then no use of that property for the future, from now until whenever they decide, its shut off.

T.E. Unfortunately, that's the back end of the property, probably the least usable, because all of this up in here --

E.S. Does that go up into the 25 acres that we bought across the creek?

T.E. No, it doesn't cross the creek at all?

E.S. Okay.

C.R.D. So you know, you'll have to talk to Tim about what the EPA expects from you as the property owner for the future use of the property because they will, we're just doing the work at their orders, and then once the work is completed, we turn it back over to you as the owner, and then the EPA is going to tell you that can't be used, that can't be touched. You can't dig.

E.S. I don't think anybody would want it, do you?

C.R.D. They won't allow any digging, building, anything on it --

E.S. Oh, I realize that (INAUDIBLE), so it's useless. So I'm paying taxes for nothing, right?

T.E. We might be able to give it to the US EPA.

C.R.D. They won't take it, we've tried it.

E.S. I'm going to will it to 'em. Can they refuse it.

C.R.D. I don't know, that would be good.

T.E. There's not a whole lot you can use that for anyway, as (INAUDIBLE) as it is, it can't be far.

E.S. It's one big hill.

T.E. It can't be farmed and its not tillable. And to develop it, you'd have to put (INAUDIBLE)

E.S. No, I wouldn't.

C.R.D. Now, Ms. Morgan, we realize that you've gone through a lot of these same questions over and over again for the past, over ten years now, and everybody's asked about specific companies. Well for us to do our job, we've got to ask you about specific companies again.

E.S. Fine.

C.R.D. What we want you to do is we ask you about a company, tell us what you can remember, if they dumped at the site, how often they dumped at the site. Can you identify, can you remember what a truck looked like, can you remember names of any of the drivers, can you remember talking to any of their people on the phone for their bills, anything you can remember is what we would be looking for. We noticed when you talked to the EPA, they pretty much skimmed over it and said well do you know about this company, and you said yes or no, and then when you said yes, they just went on to the next one, they didn't ask you, well, what did you know.

E.S. They didn't seem to want to know about the Army.

C.R.D. So we want to --

R.C. You remember, you think you remember an employee name or something, you know --

E.S. No. All I can say is there was a captain there that would know where they had the barracks and everything, that --

R.C. Even any of the truck drivers from any of these companies --

E.S. Honey, I don't know.

R.C. -- a lot of times, if they hear a name and they realize they have an employee, maybe not with that name, but a name similar to it?

E.S. No, dear, I don't. See, I wasn't that involved with it.

R.C. And we didn't know if maybe, when they bring, brought the tickets to you, if you happened to see the same person and you knew this was Jim because you'd seen him a dozen times?

E.S. No, I would never see them, no.

C.R.D. We do realize that you've gone through this before and again --

E.S. Well I don't mind. That's quite alright.

C.R.D. -- and we appreciate your help. Um, Don here has his work cut out for him because he is the one who's going to go out and he gets to start knocking on doors, talking to people and everything, you can provide him to help him from running around in circles --

E.S. I know the Army put stuff in there. When we bought it, I know, that the one, what'd you called --

C.R.D. Peter's did.

E.S. Peter's did, I know for a fact, and that was before I was involved because I saw them go by there all the time, before we owned it, I know for a fact Kingsmills Powder Company dumped in there. What they dumped in there, I don't know, nobody ever told me. Nobody said. But they didn't pay either. Cause we didn't own it.

C.R.D. Right, did they --

E.S. Didn't pay us I should say.

C.R.D. Speaking of that specific company, do you remember when --

E.S. Now the people --

C.R.D. -- when you bought that --

E.S. -- is long dead, they're long dead.

C.R.D. Oh, when you bought the property, did Kingsmills keep bringing stuff in?

E.S. Yeah.

C.R.D. And you charged them?

E.S. Uh, Kingsmills brought in there, I think, uh, they paid, I guess, Albert so much of a salary and I believe they added that to it. I never had to bill them, you know. Or he let them dump it in there, I don't know.

C.R.D. Uh, for clarification purposes, to help us understand your records, this is, these are copies of just the ledger sheets for your billing?

E.S. Uh hum, that's all I had.

C.R.D. Okay, we have a question. From 19, on the top of all these, you wrote "income from dumping and landfill disposal plant", alright. In 1969 through the last one we have here is '76, '77 and '78, its income on trucking, hauling and etc.

E.S. Well that was my husband with, uh, that was sand and gravel.

C.R.D. But you didn't have any, that's what we thought this was, that would be sand and gravel. So you didn't have any records for that dumping from '69 to the present.

E.S. Then there wasn't any, that much. Sure those are the years when we ran the sand and gravel plant, we didn't bother.

C.R.D. Alright. Uh, I'm going to, uh, let Don ask you specific questions on the specific companies and thoughts he may have and then --

E.S. Well Don, I know one other that hauled in there, that's Mecco Incorporated in Middletown. They seemed to ignore that, but I know for a fact they did.

D.S. What did they haul, do you know, or what did it consist of?

E.S. I don't know what was in it.

T.E. It's junk, scrap --

E.S. Junk, scrap and that --

D.S. Okay.

E.S. But, I think there were some barrels too, oil.

E.S. No.

J.M. Mt. Orab area, way in the country.

C.R.D. You moved over once you got married?

E.S. Yeah, to my house. He worked in Genoa, that's where I met him. Cincinnati Concrete Pipe.

D.S. I want to start talking a little bit about the types of companies that come in there, and I'd like to divide it a little bit into two types of companies. There are companies that I call hauling companies that would go around to industries and stuff and collect the pick-up, and then there's companies, you know that actually manufacture that have their own transportation and stuff that could bring stuff out to your site. Let's talk about hauling companies first. Do you know, what hauling companies used your site that you remember?

E.S. You mean that picked up this --

D.S. Yeah, that went around, had regular routes and ended up out at your site?

E.S. Well, there was King --

D.S. Okay.

E.S. Um, Whitten --

D.S. Okay.

E.S. Clarke, C-l-a-r-k-e, uh, those are the three big ones.

D.S. Those are the three big ones? When you were operating the site or when Albert was operating, were there, Rumpke is around this area, correct?

E.S. Yes.

D.S. BFIs around this area?

E.S. Yeah. Rumpke got most of the business.

D.S. Okay.

E.S. BFI's just lately.

D.S. Just lately?

E.S. Yeah. Compared to when we were.

E.S. He has a son though.

D.S. Did he have more than one truck, do you remember?

E.S. No, he had one old rickety truck --

D.S. I got that.

E.S. And there were quite a few black people too, I don't know their name.

D.S. People like that, how were they, were they billed or did they pay --

E.S. They paid right away.

D.S. They had to pay right away. So the only people that you had accounts with --

E.S. Are these big companies that picked up the garbage from like hospitals and all over.

D.S. Okay. That's an interesting. Did you have quite a bit of hospital waste out there, do you know?

E.S. I found out later that Whitten did.

D.S. Okay.

E.S. Whitten picked up the hospital stuff. I went to Deaconess one time, I saw this whatchacallit there. I don't know if he dumped it in our place, but I do know he picked it up.

C.R.D. When was that?

E.S. That's when I was running it. I don't know if they had anything from the hospital in there besides trash, you know.

D.S. Yeah.

E.S. He brought an awful lot of just plain demolition too.

D.S. Okay.

E.S. What I saw was demolition.

C.R.D. What did King bring in?

E.S. Demolition.

C.R.D. And what time period was that?

E.S. It was when I ran it.

C.R.D. And what about Clarke?

E.S. Same.

C.R.D. Demolition?

E.S. Yeah. Waste too, I think.

C.R.D. And waste?

E.S. Um hum.

C.R.D. And this was during the same time period --

E.S. He did pickups too, you know.

C.R.D. During the time you ran it?

E.S. And before.

C.R.D. Clarke was before?

E.S. Oh, yeah. All those years.

C.R.D. Was Whitten before that?

E.S. No, Whitten was afterwards, he was one of the last ones.

C.R.D. And King?

E.S. He and King was one of the last ones.

C.R.D. King --

E.S. King Container.

C.R.D. King Wrecking or King Container.

E.S. King Container. Wrecking too. It was known as Wrecking first, then they parted some of it off and called it container, and I had to bill Containers instead of the wrecking. I first would bill King Wrecking.

D.S. You did quite a bit of billing, I think we were looking through, and we got about 99 companies, probably at one time or another, you billed, uh, like Acme Wrecking Company, do you remember that one? What did they haul?

E.S. Uh hum, that was short lived, they didn't come to --

E.S. They never hauled anything I know of, now Clark is part of that so he probably did.

D.S. They bought Clark?

E.S. Clark is BFI too.

D.S. Okay.

E.S. So he probably --

D.S. Okay.

E.S. When he hauled in there who knows. Now he has his place right in West Chester there.

D.S. Okay.

E.S. He has a BF sign (INAUDIBLE)

D.S. Dick Clark is that his name?

E.S. Yeah.

R.C. -- He also runs an air (INAUDIBLE)

D.S. Oh yeah, of course that is the first thing I thought of when I read it.

E.S. More laughter, he stayed young looking didn't he.

R.C. -- Oh yeah.

E.S. Up till now anyway.

R.C. -- Amazing.

D.S. Amazing surgery probably.

E.S. Laughter. He says not.

D.S. Yeah, I know. Borden, Incorporated, do you remember Borden being out there?

E.S. Not really.

D.S. Alright, how about Butler Manufacturing?

E.S. Yeah. That was mostly wood in the old days.

D.S. Mostly wood in the old days, what do they make, do you know.

D.S. Right. And anything specific you remember about it. Cincinnati Industrial Machinery Company. Does that one ring a bell?

E.S. That was probably old parts and stuff. But that wasn't often neither.

D.S. And you say Clarks, he was in there quite a bit, huh?

E.S. Yeah. Even when I ran it.

D.S. And do you know what all he handled, what type --

E.S. No. It was always covered up. But I told him I only took demolition when I ran it. Before that he'd haul anything in there. Anything and everything.

D.S. Did he come -- when Albert was there? He hauled anything and everything in there?

E.S. Sure.

D.S. Did he have all dump trucks, do you remember, Clark?

E.S. Yes. Pretty big dump trucks.

D.S. Just one that you remember being out there?

E.S. No, he had several trucks and drivers.

D.S. Did you get many of the rolloff trucks or compactors coming in there?

E.S. None.

D.S. Oh, really, you don't remember any rollofts or compactors ever being in there.

E.S. No, well yeah. Roll offs -- what do you mean by roll offs? They could take the end off and leave it there?

D.S. Yeah.

E.S. Kings Mills and I mean King Container, they're dumpsters. We call them dumpsters. Yeah. They let them there so they could -- we would make them pick up stuff that we didn't want that they had dumped, put it back in their own dumpster, and haul it back out over to Rumpke

D.S. Who would actually pick that stuff up and put it back in the dumpster for them?